



Take the Envirothon Challenge in 2017!

The Area II Envirothon will be held May 3, 2017 at Buffalo Creek Retreat , 8708 Hubbard Valley Road in Seville, Ohio. This event is hosted by Medina and Summit County Soil and Water Conservation Districts

What is the Envirothon? High school environmental marathon contest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UScAswsQSo>

Envirothon is designed to stimulate, reinforce and enhance interest in the environment and natural resources among high school students. A competitive outdoor team event, Envirothon offers a unique and enjoyable learning experience. A team consists of 5 students, all from the same high school. An adult advisor (or advisors) must accompany the team, but is not permitted to assist the team during the competition.

Envirothon tests students' knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues. This year's current environmental issue is "Agricultural Soil and Water Conservation Stewardship." In addition, the Envirothon encourages cooperative decision-making and team building. While each student on an Envirothon team is challenged to contribute his or her personal best, the score that counts at the end of an Envirothon is the team score.

Five Area Envirothons are conducted around Ohio each spring. The top four teams from each of the Area competitions progress to the Ohio Envirothon in June held in a different part of the state each year. The top-scoring team in the Ohio Envirothon is eligible to compete in the National Conservation Foundation - Envirothon, hosted by a different state or Canadian province every year. For more information, go to www.envirothon.org.

In Ohio, Envirothon is sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. Natural resource and environmental specialists from many agencies, organizations, colleges, universities, park districts and businesses devise the Envirothon questions and staff the various testing ecostations.

The Ohio Envirothon is financed by grants, donations from businesses and through contributions to the Don Rehl Memorial Envirothon Fund. Many local businesses also provide services and products in support of Area and Ohio Envirothons.

If you are a teacher in Mahoning County, please email me for registration forms or check our website swcd.mahoningcountyoh.gov.

**All forms are to be returned to Kathleen Vrable-Bryan at the Mahoning SWCD office,
850 Industrial Road,
Youngstown, Ohio, 44509, by March 24, 2017**

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